Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Frances Marie LeGrand was born on May 7, 1927, to Mike and Ellen LeGrand, at Hitchcock, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Fran grew up with sisters, Millie and Betty, on farms near Hitchcock and Bonilla, and graduated from Bonilla High School in 1945. She attended Huron College and taught in a rural school in the Hitchcock area for 2 years; and,

Whereas, Fran married Melvin Richard (Dick) Puffer on September 15, 1947, at the First Methodist Church in Huron, and to this union, four children were born; Kay, Randy, Kathy and Ruth, who in turn blessed them with nine grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Fran and Dick reside on the family farm southeast of Hitchcock, which Dick's grandfather homesteaded; and,

Whereas, Fran loves working crossword puzzles, playing cards and Scrabble, collecting owls, and as an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Huron, she and Dick volunteer on a regular basis; and,

Whereas, Fran and Dick enjoy congregating with friends to partake of nutritious meals, verbally solving political dilemmas of the day and attending American Legion/Auxiliary meetings; and,

Whereas, Fran will observe her 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family gathers in Mitchell, South Dakota, on May 5, 2007, for granddaughter Adelle's graduation from Dakota Wesleyan University, and to honor Fran and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2007, as

FRANCES PUFFER DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State